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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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SUBJECT: Clandestine Training for U.S. Military Services

PARTICIPANTS: Lt. Colonels Wolf and Cole; Major Burton,
OACSI Training and Foreign Assistance Division;

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PLACE: 25X1A Mr. [redacted] office, Broyhill Building

This meeting was scheduled as a result of a request by Major Burton on 27 October. The following is a summary rather than a detailed account of the discussion.

1. Col Wolf made a few inquiries on the type of operational training provided by CIA to its personnel and then explained the problem Army faces. They are the executive agent for training all U.S. military intelligence personnel and are now contemplating the move of their school from Fort Holabird to Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Navy, said Wolf, is not happy about the move and has requested several alternatives including establishing a training site in the East if the move to Arizona is made. A specific problem is the fact that foreign intelligence personnel are trained at Holabird thus exposing U.S. military personnel including those destined for [redacted]

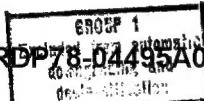
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3. Wolf wondered whether or not these military personnel, chosen on a highly selected basis, might not attend one of the CIA courses. Mr. [redacted] cited the difficulties the Agency

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faces at this time with reductions in both funds and personnel. It was his opinion that the Agency would have a difficult time satisfying its own needs.

25X1A 4. Col. Wolf then inquired about the possibility of the Army using the CIA training facility wherever it might be. (Wolf seemed to know one existed outside this area but neither he nor anyone else made reference to any specific location). His idea was that Army training personnel and military students might move into the facility when it was not being used by CIA. Mr. [redacted] replied that our instructors are occupied around the calendar except perhaps at Christmas and a short period in the summer when everyone takes their annual leave.

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6. I also recalled that the individual services had periodically sounded us out on the possibility of sending their personnel to our internal courses and our response was always negative. The Agency was willing to assist within its capabilities but it always involved the creation of special courses or tutorial training at our facilities, both official and nonofficial.

7. Reference was made frequently by the visitors to the career staffing problems of the military services, the short tours which officers have in intelligence and the continuing need to train more and more personnel.

8. It was my opinion that the Army problem included security and course content. The latter would be the easier to resolve. Wolf said there was no real problem on content. I suggested that Army could then set aside a special area at Fort Huachuca for training these military specialists in a manner to preclude exposures to foreigners at the same

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school. The Army representatives responded that the students would all meet at the officers club anyway. Mr. [redacted] suggested that part of their training include the avoidance of such foreigners.

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9. Col. Wolf also mentioned that General McChristian is planning to ask for a tour of our training installation. Two other officers, one of whom might be Col. Wolf would probably accompany him. Wolf wondered how the General should go about submitting his request. I suggested it might be necessary for us to check first with the Director of Training. Mr. [redacted] thought the channel for submission of the request would be immaterial to the D/TR. I suggested then that General McChristian submit his request to the DDCI or else to the DDP. Wolf promised to let me know what General McChristian decides to do about the visit. It is possible he will decide against it as a result of Wolf's report on the conversations held with CIA today, i.e., no use making the trip if CIA facilities won't be available anyway.

25X1A COMMENT: [redacted], DDCI's office, has been alerted to the possibility of an approach to the DDCI by General McChristian.

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10. Wolf assured us repeatedly that he considered this a working-level discussion and he was grateful for the opportunity. Both Mr. [redacted] and I on the other hand assured him that they could submit official requests through proper channels concerning training support. It was suggested to Wolf that in such a case the request be detailed as to what was desired and why.

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